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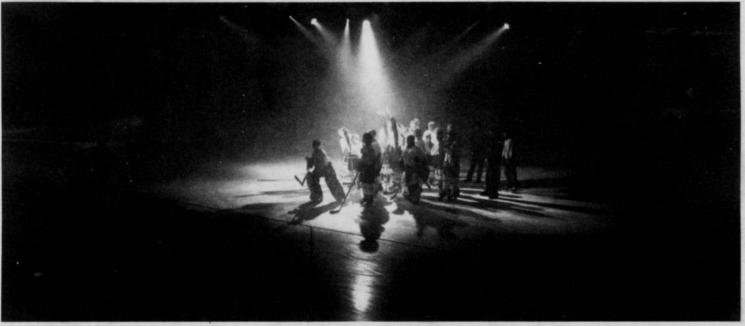
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SPOTLIGHT ON DIDSBURY - Didsbury Ramblers revel in the spotlight at the Provincial tournament this past weekend. For more photos see page 11.

# Stabbing investigation continues

## 18-year-old Mike Westlund remains in hospital, recovering from stabbing

BY SHAWNE MOHL & TAMARA COLLINS

Didsbury Review

RCMP continue their investigation trying to determine how three teens were stabbed at a rural residence south of

On March 11 Didsbury RCMP, Mountain Regional Emergency (S), and the Carsta (MVRES). Carstairs Fire Department all responded to an assault

"Our crews were notified at approximately 11:30 p.m at night of an event south of Carstairs that involved multiple people, with multiple stabbings," explained MVRES executive director Nick Thane. We responded and waited for the RCMP to arrive, just because of the scene situation."

Carstairs Fire Chief Thane Schaffer, one of the fire department members which responded, says that it's protocol for the department to respond in these types of

"We responded to the scene to assist the Mountain View Regional ambulance that were on scene and they transported patients, and we remained on scene to assist the RCMP with their investigation," Schaffer explained. "It's standard protocol to be the first responders. There is a card setting of different levels of priority... we respond to the three most serious categories out of five."

Both MVRES and the Carstairs' Fire Department are required to wait for police

presence before they respond to a scene of this nature

RCMP still are not releasing many partic ulars about the situation, however it is known that the incident happened in a rural, party-like setting where youth from both the Carstairs and City of Calgary s were present.

The reason for the assaults is being blamed on hockey rivalry, however RCMP wouldn't confirm this.

'I can't say that is true and I can't say that it is not true. I don't want to say any thing that could hinder our investigation, aid Didsbury RCMP Sgt. Kevin O'Dwyer

Of the three youth who were stabbed, the only name that has been confirmed is 18-year-old Mike Westlund, Westlund, who a grade 12 student at Carstairs' Hugh Sutherland School (HSS) was the most severely injured, and at the time of the incident was put into the intensive care unit at Calgary's Foothills Hospital.

The other two youth, whose ages and names have not been released, have both since been released from hospital

According to Mike's older brother, Richard Westlund, the teen is starting to

'He is making improvements every day,' Richard said. "He is making strides every day. He is getting a little bit better every and everybody here is really happy that he is doing as good as he is... he is a real fighter.

Mike is one of five children, and it is the large Westlund family as well as the community which has made this tragedy as bearable as it could be.

"It's tough on everyone but we have a real good family, so everybody is support-ing everyone else," Richard said. "And, it's not just our family. We have had lots of visitors from the community come and bring food, people have sent cards and flowers nd Mike has had lots of his friends stop

"The people from Carstairs and outside of Carstairs that know Mike and the family have been wonderful. They have been real ly, really good to the family for sure,' Richard added.

As far as what happened the night of the stabbings, Richard wouldn't give a details on what his family has been told.

"I wasn't there, so I am not in the posi-

tion to say anything." Administration, teachers, and students throughout Chinook's Edge School

Division (CESD) are hoping for the best send their thoughts out to the Westlund family, as well as the other stabbing victims.

We always want kids to be safe, no matter where they are and we try to help them with decisions and help them make good decisions so that they remain safe," CESD Superintendent Jim Gibbons said. "Our hearts really go out to both of the families the one in particular. It's such a tragedy and we hope this student (Westlund) recovers fully)."

HSS's Vice-Principal Sean McKenna says that following the weekend stabbings, the school was on partial lockdown and the RCMP were present.

"Monday we had the school division's crisis team here. We had four counsellors here to provide support to the students that were traumatized by (the event) or felt like they needed to talk. We also had the RCMP here up until about noon because there were just concerns about retaliations from Calgary and that sort of stuff, so we felt it would be best that we have police presence. Of course r though," McKenna said. Of course nothing happened

At the beginning of the week there were a lot of bitter, emotional students but things are getting back to normal said

"Things have kind of eased off now There was a lot of anger all week and kids have needed to sort of talk it out and get it out because they were quite angry over the situation and how it all happened," McKenna said.

Janet Cornell, the school's family wellness worker, is available for students who still need to talk in the weeks to come

We don't really have any further information we can release at this time, other than the investigation is continuing," Fischer said. "No charges have been laid to date... we are still collecting evidence.

Sgt. O'Dwyer says that one part of the puzzle that they still need is to talk to Westlund himself, before charges are laid.

"Investigators want to speak with him, so they are waiting for him to recover, O'Dwyer said. "This is a fairly involved investigation, so it will take some time.

More details are expected to be released in the weeks to come



# Area MLAs say they won't seek Klein's job

For the Review

With Premier Ralph Klein uncing plans to leave

politics next year, central Alberta Conservative MLAs in running for leadership of their party.

from politics in Oct. 2007. Mountain House MLA Ty Lund, OldsDidsbury-Three Hills MLA Richard Marz, and Innisfail-Sylvan Lake MLA Luke Ouellette all say they will not seek to replace Klein.

'Oh no, I'm not interest said Lund, who is Minister of Government Services. "What is required, the time commitment. I couldn't even think of taking that on.

Asked if he is backing one particular candidate, Lund replied: "As far as I am concerned the race hasn't even started. I'm not openly supporting anyone at this point, and I won't until the race is officially on.

While he doesn't plan to run, he is confident a good slate of hopefuls will come forward, said MLA Marz.

"I think it is safe to say that there is a good enough group of candidates out there that I'm confident that Marz. "I'm quite pleased that we've got a good group to choose from. I've worked with some of them inside and outside government."

Marz said he will be back-

ing former Alberta Treasurer Jim Dinning if he

"He was very instrumental in debt repayment and deficit elimination. He's had a broad level of experience in the private sector, which is important. I think he conducts himself in a very professional manner.

Asked what he plans to do to help Dinning, Marz said, "whatever he asks me to do", adding that could include giving speeches on Dinning's behalf.

MLA Ouellette, who is

Minister of Restructuring, said he is not interested in leading the party and will not be campaigning for any other candidate at least until the race officially begins

"I believe we have a leader in place right now, said Ouellette. "I am a sup-porter of Ralph Klein."

new leader will make rural Alberta issues a high priority

Among those thought to be planning to run for the leadership are Jim Dinning, Mark Norris, Lyle Oberg, Ed Stelmach, Ted Morton and Dave Hancock.

Premier Klein said Wednesday that any cabinet minister planning to run for the party leadership will have to step down from cabinet by June 1.

'If I see signs of them run-

removed from cabinet. I'm prepared to crack the whip," said Klein. "This is to avoid any perception of any conflicts or personal advantages that one might have as

(The provincial cabinet is the collection of MLAs appointed as Ministers by the premier to oversee gov ernment departments such as Health and Education. The premier is also in cabinet).

well, Tory backbenchers must also declare their intentions by June 1 if they plan to run for the party's leadership.

"I don't want to appoint someone (to cabinet) from the ranks who might become a leadership candi-

Premier Klein is expected to discuss his retirement plans and the timeline for stepping down at the party's annual general meeting at the end of the month.

Meanwhile, MLA Lund says there is some confusion about exactly when Klein will be stepping down.

"Here's where it gets con-fusing," said Lund. "He's been saying all along that he would be leaving in the fall of 2007. But the reports are saying he will be in office until March 2008, so I'm not sure what this all means. It may only mean that toward the end of October he will say, take the nominations'.



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TAKING ACTION - Doreen Rempel (left) of MGV Energy is shown here speaking with the company's Chief Operating Officer (COO) discussing various busing the company's CBM production wells throughout Central Alberta. ss issues, including that deal with

## Checks and balances in place for CBM production, officials say

BY SHAWNE MOHL

According to government officials and industry professionals the production of coal bed methane (CBM) in Alberta will never impact or harm the environment, the groundwater supply, or one's health.

The production of CBM in Alberta is

being questioned by a number of Albertans, and as such a group of landowners and environmentalists have been touring around the Province passing out the message that, "CBM production is ruining land, water, and people's health." Coal bed methane, typically referred to

as CBM is natural gas - typically methane -found within coal seams under the ground. CBM used to be referred to as the 'trash gas'. It is the gas which used to kill the canaries in underground coal mines

One of those speakers was Jessica Ernst, a woman who owns 50 aces of land outside of the hamlet of Rosebud, near Drumheller.

At a recent meeting where she spoke she talked about being able to light her tap water on fire because there is so much methane in it, which she is blaming on the drilling of CBM wells and fracturing.

'It's really hard to believe that you are being poisoned by your own water," she said. "I believe we are up against a huge war for water. Water is needed for life, the water is just one impact of CBM (well production).'

Besides Ernst, who also runs an environmental consulting business, Americans spoke. These two women painted a scary picture of contaminated groundwater supply, evaporation ponds which killed cattle when they drank it, sterilized land, among other things that didn't make anyone in the room question if CBM production is a safe thing to do

The things which the speakers say have occurred in the United States could never and will never happen here, says the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) spokesperson, Bob Curran.

"I don't know what the guidelines are like in Colorado or any of these other places (in the United States), but what I can tell you is this: the things they are alleging have happened in the US could not happen in Alberta without severe repercussions to any company that dared to perpetrate those types of things. It just wouldn't happen here. Companies know that if they break the rules they will suffer consequences," Curran said.

One company which knows the guide and rules they must follow very well is MGV Energy, whose main business is drilling CBM wells throughout Central

Doreen Rempel of MGV Energy, who as present at the CBM meeting held in Trochu where these people spoke, said that her company works very closely with the government and landowners to ensure that everything is being done to protect veryone's interes

The impacts of CBM are very minimal, Rempel said, adding that the guidelines and regulations MGV Energy has to com-ply wouldn't ever make it possible for an oil company in Alberta to ruin the water supply, environment, or pose any types of

ealth risks to nearby landowners. In the production of CBM there is, at saline water brought to the surface in the production of the natural gas. Saline (salt) water will sterilize land and nothing will grow if it ever comes in contact with the surface

The speakers from the US explained how saline water from CBM wells has been spread across fields and ruined good pasture grounds for cattle, and also how oil companies have set up evaporation ponds which the saline water is placed in; however, according to the speakers the ponds aren't lined properly and have once again ruined the land.

Most of the coal seams ural gas is deposited throughout the Horseshow Canyon basin, according to Rempel, have been naturally de-watered, so when the gas is brought to Rempel, have the surface there is no saline they have to deal with: however, in the cases where saline is brought to the surface it is injected back into the ground using injector wells.

The water, according to Rempel, never touches the ground and in no way under the strict regulations that they have to follow could it

Rempel also pointed out that in Alberta oil companies are not allowed to use evap-oration ponds to dispose of saline waters, they all have to be injected back into the subsurface.

There is no way that a CBM well could affect one's groundwater, MGV Energy believes. According to Rempel the company has a cement lining between the well and the subsurface, so no contaminents could ever get out of the well.

"That is a government regulated process," she explained. "It isn't anything new. That has been happening in Alberta

During the drilling process, and even after the well is active, there are many guidelines that need to be followed.



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# EDITORIAL & OPINION

## **Ponderings of** the Heart

"Love Is ..."

MARGARET FRADLEY For the Review

What would your response be to someone who asked you to spontaneously give them a definition of "love' How do we define love?

Bill Morrow asked a number of younger children to give him their response to this very question. Let me share just a few of the answers received.

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth."

A four year old answered Love is what makes you smile when you are tired. An eight year old respond ed by saying "You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it." But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.

An answer from a six year old was "Love is like a little old woman and a little

old man who are still friends, even after they know each other so well." A delightful response was that of a seven year old "Love is what is in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening up your presents and listen."

My favourite is from a wise little four year old \*When someone loves you, the way they say your name is differnt. You know that your name is safe in their mouth." We might think these are unusual answers for such

young children, but having a very profound young five year old as a grandson, I can believe each one. Children often catch the deeper meaning of important

things around them. Love for me, means unconditional love, giving and forgiving, and living in harmony one with another. It's a cl answer the query? It's a challenge for us all. How would you



## YOUR LETTERS

## County Habitat for Humanity builds on hold

Mountain View Habitat for Humanity is an organiza-tion which enables lower income families and individuto own their own home. Formed five years ago, Mountain View Habitat has the smallest population base of any Habitat in Canada. So it was with great pride that they completed their first house in Cremona this last fall.

During the five years, there has been a large number of people involved as board members, committee members and volunteers. Unfortunately at this time, they are unable to proceed with any further builds in the county until their membership numbers increase. the last year and a half, they have seen 6 members move away, 4 return to school, 1 leave for health issues and 2 retire after the Cremona build. This has decimated their numbers and left them without enough people to organize the Sundre build and left them in danger of losing their charitable organization status. "It has been our experience that volunteers to work directly on the build and donations are easier to find than find-ing new the board members for the organization. Unfortunately without an organizing body of board members and committee members the builds cannot go ahead," said Linda Hogg, secretary for the local organi-

Habitat for Humanity, through donations of money labour and materials, is able to build homes with and provide no-interest mortgages to lower income families Family selection is based on financial need, need of different housing, ability to take on the responsibility of home ownership, ability to repay the mortgage and willingness to put in 500 hours of sweat equity towards the home and the community.

During the next 6 weeks, Mountain View Habitat for

Humanity is having a membership drive in hopes that they will still be able to proceed with the slated Sundre build for this summer. Board Members must be 18 or older while committee members have no age restric-tions. They are holding a meeting in Sundre on March 29th at the Sundre Museum at 7:00 P.M. If you have a few hours each month to give to this project or want more information, please attend the meeting or call 556-6368, 507-7994 or 335-4212.

A family has been chosen for the Sundre Build which was originally slated for the summer of 2005. Problems in obtaining title for the Cremona property, pushed that back to the summer of 2006. "We are truly sorry that we cannot fulfil our commitment to this family until our membership rises," stated Linda. If you are looking for a way to make a difference, please call or attend the

Habitat for Humanity

## Already looking forward to next year's run

Thanks of all the fun last weekend, and thank God for the weather too. I knew it would be a good one

Well done!! Thanks for hanging in there with it. We are looking forward to next year's run.

Sincerely, Graham Sherick & Family

## Thank you to all the kindhearted volunteers

I am writing this letter because I feel that all too often the kindhearted volunteers of our community get overlooked

The Rosebud Run was a Chamber of Commerce sponsored event, but the sponsors and volunteers go way beyond that. The amount of hours planning and products donated by everyone involved in this and other events would be staggering. Let's not forget that most if not all of these people either have businesses of their own or hold down full-time jobs. These peo ple give of their time because they get pleasure out of seeing a wish become a reality.

The majority of events that take place in Didsbury,

community, they are more than willing to give their free time to see that we all have yet another success ful activity.

I wish to ask that as you observe each activity in town that you stop to think about the time and effort that all our volunteers so selfishly donate to please us. I for one wish to thank all the volunteers that gave

their time for this as well as all past and future events in and around our town - hats off to you because without you "the show could not go on"

Valerie Puttick

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## Town cancels municipal census

BY TAMARA COLLINS Didsbury Review

Town council has cancelled plans to conduct a municipal census this spring because councillors have learned government grants are based on federal census results.

"We did not conduct a municipal census because federal and provincial grants are based on the official federal census and that is where the benefits of higher population come from." DOROTHY MOORE

Didsbury mayor

Council first approved holding a municipal cen-sus after administration said it would be a benefit to the community because the population would increase by at least 450

This increase would help grants in the future from governments, which are usually based on per capi-

Therefore the could recoup the \$6,000 the census would cost.

Administration felt a municipal census was good idea, even though a federal census was also to be conducted this year.

Alana Gibson, town planning and development assistant, attended a training session in Edmonton and learned that even if a municipal census was done, the government would still use the federal census numbers when the town applies for a grant.

We did not conduct a

municipal census because federal and provincial grants are based on the official federal census and that is where the benefits of higher population come from," said mayor Dorothy Moore.

Moore also said the town would not be interested in having the population numbers be higher for costs that we pay per per-

son."

Presently the town is using numbers from the 2001 census when applying for grants.

Since then the town has had 204 home starts.

The 2006 federal census results will not be ready until sometime in 2007

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Toilet Learning: Thursday, April 20; 9:30 am - 11:30 am

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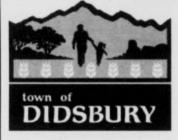
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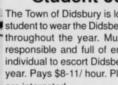
\*Tentative: Thursday, April 13, 2006 - Council Chambers, 7:00 pm

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## Take a look at these events & courses

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#### **RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE**

The Town of Didsbury is offering a Red Cross Babysitting Course on Friday, April 28 from 9 am-5 pm at the Didsbury Library. For ages 11 years and up. Cost is \$40 + gst per student. Please call 335-7369 for more information or to register.

#### COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

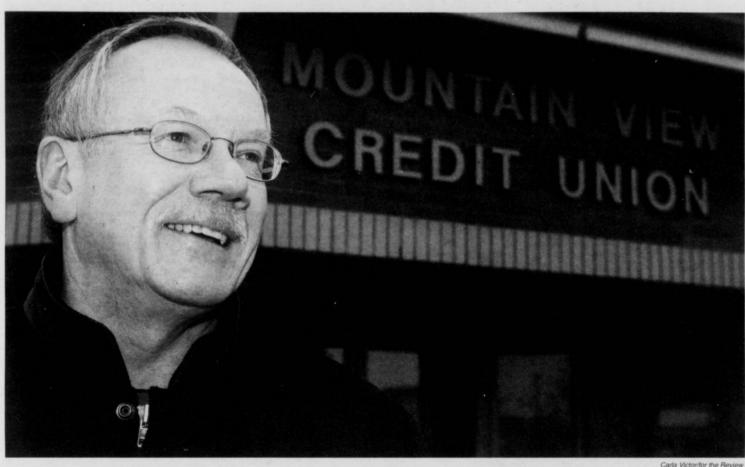
The second annual Community Garage Sale is being held Saturday, April 29 at the Didsbury Curling Rink. Tables are only \$10 each. Book early to avoid disappointment. Please call 335-7369 to reserve your table.

#### DIDSBURY OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

The Didsbury Out of School Care Association (DOSCA) is looking for community board members. If you have an interest in securing a Before and After School Care Program in Didsbury, you are strongly encouraged to join this group. Please call Nicole at 335-3391 for more information.

The Didsbury Town Office will be closed the second Friday of each month between the hours of 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE



Vance van Dam, president of Mountain View Credit Union, says continued growth is in the future for the credit union.

# MVCU sees record year in growth

BY TAMARA COLLINS Didsbury Review

Growth in loans, assets and deposits made 2005 a record-breaking year for the Mountain View Credit Union (MVCU).

During the 29th annual general meeting last Thursday, members of the MVCU learned that loans increased 17 per cent, now totalling \$250 million, assests increased 22 per cent from 2005 totalling \$311 million, and deposits increased \$55 million bringing them up to \$290 million.

Profit for the year, after \$500,000 of taxes was deducted, is \$1, 455, 000.

"This was a very good year. We've seen a lot of growth," said Norris Thompson, MVCU general manager. "Dividend paid out was five percent on common shares, a two percent rebate on loan interests, and a two percent bonus on deposit interest."

The actual total amount returned to its members was \$758,000. With two new branches under their belt

With two new branches under their belt the MVCU's memberships grew to 18,872, from last year's 17,785.

The three terms ending on the board of directors were Board president Vance van Dam, Jean Whittaker and Otto Hoff. The three were re-elected for another term.

"We won't know who our president is

"We won't know who our president is until our organizational meeting on Mar. 27, but hopefully Vance will be re-elected," said Thompson. "We have a strong board who is very well focused. They provide the required direction for the Credit Union "We have a strong board who is very well focused. They provide the required direction for the Credit Union and they have the experience and capability to provide direction to the Credit Union in the future."

> NORRIS THOMPSON MVCU general manager

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The board is hoping to continue to see growth, even though they presently have no plans of opening another branch.

"We want to see growth in all areas; ag, commercial and consumer, and in all our ten branches," said Thompson. "Members seemed very positive and we are all looking forward to a successful 2006."

Van Dam added the Credit Union is growing due to the growth in all its communities.

"All the communities are seeing growth and so we are seeing growth; especially in our bigger centres," said van Dam. "Our financial statements speak for them-

# **Buying Illegal Drugs: No Problem**

SUBMITTED BY KATIE LUTZ

I'll be honest. I don't know how to get drugs. I wouldn't know the first place to go or what to say. I have
heard the stories; you know the ones that say you just
start asking around. Someone always knows someone
who can hook you up. I thought about testing this theory but am too scared to see where this would lead me.

I know they are here, in our community. Even if you don't know someone using them, we can all see the results of drugs through the crime in our area. I asked the police what the drug trends in the community are

and they agree that marijuana is very prevalent in the community as well as cocaine. Cocaine, a bit less than marijuana because it is more costly. Marijuana is easy to get for anyone, even newcomers to town and youth. Actually I have heard it said that it is easier for youth to get marijuana than cigarettes and alcohol. Our close proximity to Red Deer and Calgary make obtaining E (ecstasy) and Crystal Meth easy too. An individual can travel to either place, buy more than their share and come back home and "re-distribute" to make a small profit and cover their habit as well.

With this information you could say at least it is not being made in our community and that individuals wanting illegal drugs still need to go to the city to get it but, as our community police officers say, we are seeing grow operations becoming more and more prevalent in our area. And let's not forget that one of the largest crystal meth labs to be discovered to date was in our own backyard.

Our community has not had a lot of drug education opportunities and because of this the Partners in Crime Prevention are hosting the play "Wasted Angels". Come out on Monday, March 27, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Didsbury Memorial Complex to learn more about what crystal meth and other drugs can do to our community.

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# The trouble with food



BY NOREEN OLSON At The Kitchen Table

At this time of year nothing seems to taste the way it should. Root vegetables seem bland and watery, meat is boring, greens are pallid and tomatoes taste of nothing at all. Just a bit of colour in your salad really, not good for much else. I cooked a whole cabbage last week and made it into borscht, I added onions and carrots and spices but it was still pretty awful. I have to admit the cabbage had been in the fridge for a while and was getting a lit-tle pale but it was still nice and firm, and tasteless

We had company for the weekend so I bought extra fresh fruit, big red strawberries that looked lovely but are white inside and very bland, a fine big cantaloupe that had no taste at all and some quite decent grapes. I have given up on peaches and nectarines; what makes them attain that foamy, styrofoam, consistency anyway? Apples and oranges are usually dependable and we have had a few nice pears this winter.

Maybe it's because we are jaded from all the excesses of Christmas, maybe it's because we are yearning for fresh things from the garden, maybe we are just spoiled rotten and should spend more time

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being grateful for what we have. In a world where masses of people go to bed hungry and cold we should be ashamed of complaining because we are bored with the menu, but still, at this time of year the only thing that tastes the way it should is Tim Hortons cof-

This is the time when mom used to make dough-nuts and I think it was because the family was tired of her usual offerings.

filled, oatmeal cookies and I have been craving them for the past two weeks. Unfortunately her recipe made about a bushel of cookies and I will not make that many cookies or any amount of doughnuts so my cravings go unfulfilled. There must be something different that I can do, I thought, and I began to look for healthy new

A heart smart Risotto

looked perfectly lovely in the illustration. I used brown rice and I peeled, I used chopped, minced, sautéed, diced and baked for what seemed like hours. It looked beautiful, lots of colour, lots of texture. It didn't taste of anything. It was like commercial vegetable soup where every vegetable regardless of colour or shape, tastes exactly like every other vegetable. It took us three days to eat it and at that

the dog got the last serving. Well hope springs eter-nal, when I found the recipe for Easy Chicken Cordon Bleu, I thought I had a winner. All those good things, what could go wrong? I had chicken breasts on hand so I only

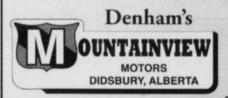
needed to buy sliced ham, and Swiss cheese. They were big chicken breasts and I had only one more than the recipe called for, so rather than put back one chicken breast I increased

the recipe accordingly. wrapped, sautéed, grated, basted and baked. It looked lovely

It tasted bland and boring. It will take us four days to eat this. Where have I gone wrong?

Rosemary seems to be the herb of the day in any restaurant we have tried lately. Maybe I should get some fresh rosemary. Maybe I will make half of mom's cookie recipe. I will not make doughnuts.







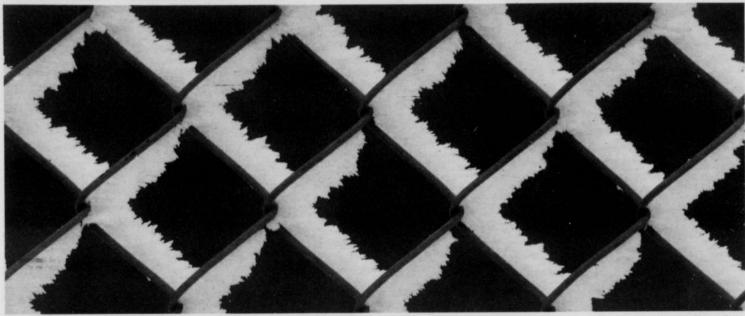


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#### BY TAMARA COLLINS Didsbury Review Town council has been busy working on the budget for the past several months, but it is still unknown whether 2006 taxes will increase or decrease.

Town prepares

budget

"It would be premature to talk about tax rates until we know what is going to happen with the education prop-erty tax," said mayor Dorothy Moore.

Council has seen a draft budget but they continue to conduct meetings for changes.

We have seen a draft budget, and are having additional budget meetings to bring additional information, make adjustments, and to receive the estimates for the cost of our capital projects," said Moore.

"Councillors are considering all of the needs of the community and the input of residents as they work to ensure the long-term sustainability and plan for decades of growth.

Council hopes to pass the final draft of the budget at the April 4 town council meeting.



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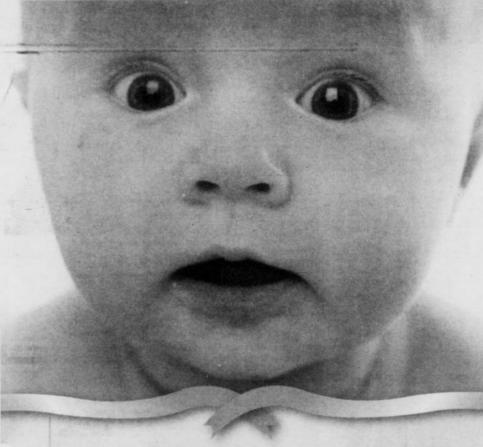


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BY TAMARA COLLINS SAT. MARCH 25

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## Checks and balances

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Aside from the govern ment regulations MGV Energy says that they consult with rural landowners and try their best to get any concerns met and addressed prior to drilling

beginning.
"We like to talk about win-win situations," Rempel said. "We are always willing to talk to landowners, and try to get their questions answered."

One of the complaints which the landowner near Rosebud had was about the of noise compressors involved with CBM produc-

According to Rempel MGV Energy, even though it's not required, stations all of its compressors together for numerous wells in one central location. They try to locate the compressor stations as far away from residential homes as possible

Rempel says that CBM is a reliable, long-term source of natural gas that everyone uses in their homes, offices. businesses each day, and this is the reason why like companies Energy see the benefit of drilling these wells, which she believes are 100 per cent safe.

"People realize that (CBM production) is a reliable source (and) we require higher densities, and this is a good solution," she said. We have to co-exist, have a fundamental right to the access of our mineral rights and landowners have the right to enjoy and use their land. We have to learn how to co-exist."

According to Curran he says that the EUB has done extensive research into a number of complaints and it has been determined that CBM protection, to date in Alberta, has not been the reason why some water wells have appeared to lose pressure or the quality has decreased.

There is no evidence to support (affecting water wells)," he said. "We are a very vigilant and strict regu-

lator. Any suggestion that somehow these companies can come in and do things that would allow them to compromise the quality of groundwater, under our rules is simply untrue."

Curran says in the Rosebud area where Jessica Ernst lives there has been methane found in the water wells in that area for decades, long before CBM production came into the picture.

"In the Rosebud area because a lot of water wells completed in coal had seams they have methane in water wells for decades, it's a common problem, and actually just

about anywhere in Alberta you could drill down and hit a coal seam because we have that much coal in this Province

The EUB is a very strict regulator, Curran says, and even though there are no specific regulations that relate to CBM production, there are ample rules which will ensure no oil and gas production of any kind will affect the environment.

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## Chamber Chat

The Chamber of Commerce showed a movie at its March meeting, "Independent America: The Two-Lane Search for Mom and Pop". This video had those who saw it talking about the independence of small business owners and how to incorporate some of the ideologies into own shopping here in Didsbury. With the town embarking on new economic development planning, and the Chamber promoting its own "Local First" awareness campaign, this kind of program helps us all evaluate our shopping habits and provoke thought on our own eco-

nomic strategies.

Can you maintain the character of your town by allow ing big box stores in? And how do you balance that with the philosophy of giving people a choice?

Why shop locally? You can talk to the owner. You can learn more about what you're bringing into your home. It's become very important to folks nowadays to feel some sort of authenticity to life, something real. You get that by shopping, and visiting, with your local business owner. It's becoming a way for people to take control in a world that is going out of control. It's about putting the money back into the system, and it's also about eating and using what your neighbours make.

From a traveller's point of view, if our community starts looking like everywhere else, what will intrigue or entice people to come here? Tourists, especially those from outside Alberta, are looking for the Canada of yesterday, mom and pop businesses. They like the uniqueness of small-town Alberta, and that's what the Chamber is trying to preserve.

Corporate chains don't have to be the first stop on your shopping list. Local business owners keep the local economy thriving. They make our towns interesting. They teach us how to behave more like citizens and less like consumers. They provide hometown security, friends who can provide what we need in our time of need. They give us alternatives. They give us our town.

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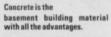
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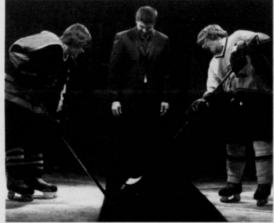
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# Crystal Meth, from the highest high to the lowest low

## "Wasted Angels" play, a real life account of the drug

BY TAMARA COLLINS

Didsbury Revieu

A high on methamphetamine (crystal meth) leaves you feeling an artifical self-confidence and gives you what is labelled a "superman syndrome", according to AADAC, but once those symptoms fade you are left feeling letharic, depressed, withdrawn and in many cases suicidal.

Meth is a highly addictive drug that is produced in a

clandestine laboratory setting. It appears either off-white, crystalline power, brown granules, or transparent crys

It sells for as cheap as \$10 to \$15 for 1/10 of a gram, which is almost half the price of cocaine, and people can become hooked after just one hit, according to the RCMP "K" division.

What makes meth one of Alberta's most popular drug; it is highly addictive, production of it is easy, and the potentially high profits to its producers.

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"This is a mind-altering drug, and people can become addicted after only one use," said Cpl. Kevin Fischer, Didsbury RCMP. "With extended use this drug can kill a peron.

Crystal Meth can take a completely rational person and turn them into an irrational person in just a few minutes, according to Cpl. Fischer. He also said it is used by a variety of ages, from early secondary school to late adult-

> "This is the most powerful and detrimental drug that is out there right now."

> > CPL. KEVIN FISCHER

"This is the most powerful and determental drug that is out there right now," said Cpl. Fischer. "A person on the drug can be completely unpredictable and irrational. There is a huge risk of harm to themselves and those

around them. They have a feeling of invincibility."

Although the drug has been noted in our community, it not yet a common problem.

"It is being more and more introduced into the community," said Cpl. Fischer. "It is readily available in Calgary and Red Deer, and is occasionally available in Didsbury."

Goerge McLeod, drug educator for Chinook's Edge School Division says, although not a big problem yet, this drug has been a problem for some students in the division.
"I have had a few kids in the whole division talk to me

about Crystal Meth, kids who have had experience with

it," said McLeod. "It is definitely out there though, and

McLeod, who will be answering questions March 27 fol-lowing the presentation of the play "Wasted Angels" at the Multi-Purpose Room in the Memorial Complex, says awareness of what this drug can do, is the key to stopping

it from becoming a bigger problem. "Wasted Angels" which will take place at 7 p.m. depicts what happens when this drug comes into your life, and has been called "captivating".

"This play provides the community an opportunity to become more familiar with the perils of the drug," said Cpl. Fischer. "This can help prevent any drug problem." Wasted Angels is not only for parents to see, but every-

is encouraged to come.

"We thought people needed to be informed about Crystal Meth," said Katie Lutz, crime prevention coordi-nator for Didsbury. "Awareness is one of the best ways of prevention, and although this is not a problem here yet, it

on its way."

Lutz added that with its availablity and price, if the ommunity is not careful it could take over.
"The effects this drug can have on a community is dam-

aging, so let's beat the problem by prevention not reac-

There is also a morning perforance of the play, which still has some room left for spectators.

If you would like to attend the morning performance at 10 a.m. call Katie at 335-7354.

This drug is in our backyard so tomorrow is not the time to deal with it, the community needs to take action now," said Cpl. Fischer. "This is a highly respected play and it would be of value for anyone to attend.



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what I've observed and what I firmly believe. In a word, I'm convinced that it is very dangerous to give large amounts of money to kids who haven't earned it.

A sociological study published some time ago, called "Rich Kids," validated the concerns I have observed. The authors of that study concluded that large trust funds are usu-

**Focus on the Family** 

ally destructive to those who inherit them. The case studies they cited were convincing.

Human history also confirms the dangerous influence of money. Men and women have lusted for it, killed for it, died for it, and gone to hell for it. Money has come between the best of friends and brought down the proud and mighty. And alas, it has torn millions of

best of friends and brought down the proud and mighty. And alas, it has form millions or marriages limb from limb!

It's also been my observation that nothing will divide siblings more quickly than money. Giving them a large inheritance increases the probability of tension and disharmony within a family. Your sons and daughters will fight over control of your businesses and they'll resent those who are designated as decision makers. Some of them will lose their motivation to be responsible and will experiment with various addictive behaviours from gamphing to alcoholism. - from gambling to alcoholism.

There are exceptions to these negative consequences, of course, and some people do handle wealth and power gracefully. But it is a difficult assignment at best and one that requires the greatest maturity and self-control.

The question to ask is whether or not leaving large amounts of money to offspring is worth the risk it imposes on those you love. You must decide if you want to remove from your children the challenges that helped you succeed – the obligation to work hard, live frugally, save, build and produce by the sweat of your brow. Do you feel right about replacing that need for discipline and industry with a ready-made empire that can be mis-handled or squandered?

Please understand that I know this view is unconventional. One of the reasons people work so hard is so their children won't have to. They love their kids immeasurably and want to make things easier for them. Further, they've invested a lifetime in the development of a business and the accumulation of wealth. Are they now going to sell it and walk away? That's an unpleasant prospect for any parent. I can't make that decision for others, of course. My obligation is simply to present the issue as I see it. And in my experience, the inheritance of wealth is threatening to family relationships, self-discipline, spiritual commitment and responsible living. It should be done only with great care, years of preparation and much prayer.

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# Colts awards night

The Mountain View Colts season has come to an end, but not without many successes over the past year. This year's team had a hard fought battle near the end of the season with Lacombe, to gain second spot in league standings. Three of our players, to date, have been invited for try-out camps in Alberta Junior "A" League and the British Columbia Junior "A" League. Three of our players, Scott Murphy, Byron Campbell and Ian Brander were selected to North Division All Star Team. Four of our players, Scott Murphy, Byron Campbell, Ian Brander and Jeff Clazie were in the top twenty-five of the scoring race. In addition, the coaching staff in preparing for the upcoming year, utilized "Affiliate Players" from local midget teams to highlight the talent in this division. Most impor-

tantly of all, was that this hockey team brought together hockey players and fans from the Mountain View County. We have players from Didsbury, Carstairs, Cremona, Olds, and Sundre. Fans from all of these towns were shown a high quality of hockey and the number of fans in the arena for the home games showed their appreciation of the hockey played. None of this could have been accomplished without the unselfish support of the local companies and organizations who saw the need for such a team in our community.

Now the emphasis is on planning the Awards Night Banquet to be held on April 8th, at the Memorial Complex. The event will start with cocktails, between 6:00 - 6:45 P.M., followed by a catered banquet at 7:00 P.M.

Guest speaker for the event will be Joe Murphy, a graduate of Didsbury Minor Hockey who went on to play in various ranks of hockey (Junior "A", College, East Coast League, American Hockey League, Ottawa Senators (camp), Europe). Joe was an "Affiliate Player" with the Colts when they last won the Championship. In addition, we will be presenting various awards to players as well as having a "Silent Auction" and other fun events throughout the evening. Tickets for this event can be purchased at Didsbury Home Hardware, Ward's Value Drug Mart, Jenny Collinge at the Memorial Complex Concession or by calling 335-4591 - No tickets will be held at the door.

## Didsbury Lacrosse Can you name that club?

BY TAMARA COLLINS Didsbury Review

at two tickets to the Calgary Flames or four tickets to any Calgary Roughnecks home game in April, you need to come up with a creative name for the Didsbury Lacrosse Association.

The search for a name started last year when Didsbury hosted a tourna-

ment for the mini tykes and names went up on all the dressing rooms.

According to Dave Nelson from the Lacrosse Association, all the other teams had names and they decided they

"We will put the name on everything: shirts, shorts,

with it." DAVE NELSON Didsbury Lacrosse Ass

and make a logo

three midget-aged kids and three kids from the tykes will come to consensus which one they best," said Nelson. We will put the name on everything; shirts, shorts, and make a logo with it." People can also submit

their own logo if they like. The name will be the

official name for all teams from the mini tykes to the midgets, and possibly that of a junior team next year.

You can submit your name to the Didsbury Aquatic Centre up until April 1.



# Multi-judging show

Country Critters is having a great time. A few of our members went to a Multi-judging show in Olds, where they had a blast. Our public speaking events are now finished, and the people who moved on to the district level did great, and the club had a great time hosting the district event for the few clubs

flower baskets for a club fundraiser, so if anyone is interested, please contact ella Kyncl at 335-8767

We will be attending the Didsbury trade fair on April 1st and 2nd, so we

hope that all goes well.
Our club will be hosting a fun day for other canine clubs in our area on April 30th; we are starting agility now, and it

# What's with all the dogs?!

The 2006 Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic might be history now, but that doesn't mean the Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce doesn't still have "a thing" for Have you seen the Trade Show

posters? They're full of dalmatians!! Now you might ask, what exactly do dalmatians have to do with a Trade Show?
"Well, nothing really," says Trade Show
Co-Chair, Greg Poirier, with a smile. "But
how we came up with the idea was a stroke of brainstorming genius.

The committee was sitting around one night trying to come up with a theme for the annual event, one of the largest held in Didsbury for the past 20 years. Someone said that we couldn't do "100" again. (The Chamber celebrated Alberta's and Didsbury's centennials last year.) "Then another person jokingly said 'how about 101?'," said Poirier. "It just flowed from there," added Poirier's Co-Chair, Kathleen Windsor. \*101 ... 101 dalmatians ... 2006 being the Chinese year of the dog ... even the sleddogs came up. It was so cool to see the flow of ideas that night!"

The next step was taking all those very odd ideas to the man with the vision. For the second year in a row, the posters were designed by Chamber member, Spectrum Design and Drafting Studios. Owner Lance Plewis said. 'we don't really do this sort of thing. We design homes. But we do enjoy

challenging projects, and this one was def-

Over 100 exhibitors will be showcasing their products and services at the Didsbury Trade Show, April 1 and 2. There's something for everyone, whether you're looking at home renovations, new floor coverings for your home or office, buying or selling your home, taking a trip, thinking of a new stereo system or com puter, new cosmetics and jewellery, handcrafted items ... the list goes on and on!

And the entertainment! There's home and garden demonstrations. The Alberta Country Opry will be performing on Saturday and the fiddler's jamboree on Sunday. Come early on Saturday for the pancake breakfast, and don't forget to ake in the 53rd Annual Art Show & Sale Hungry? Stop by the food court in the MPR and enjoy a bite from your favourite Didsbury restauranteurs. And kids, don't worry, we haven't forgotten about you. There's free swimming and waterslide at the Aquatic Centre, and an AstroJump Bouncer, shaped as ... you guessed it ... a dalmatian!

Once again, it's going to be a terrific show! So, "Get up and Go!" to the Didsbury Trade Show. Details on the Trade Show can be seen on the web at www.didsburychamber.ca.

#### **ALL THE RIGHT NOTES -**

Stacy Peters plays the french hom with Didsbury's Grade 6 Westglen band on the first day of the Olds and District Kiwanis Music Festival. The 23rd annual music festival runs from March 20-31.

Recycle the Didsbury Review

## WANTED

Softball Umpires for 2006 minor season May/June receive \$20 - \$30 per game. Contact Vickie 335-9900

## Correction

In the March 7 issue of the Didsbury Review an article on the Didsbury Aqua Jets stated that the age range for the club was 5 to 12 years old, and it should have read 5 to 17 years old.

We apologize for the error.

### **Didsbury Minor Ball** REGISTRATION NIGHT

Wed., Mar. 15/06 & Tues., Mar. 21/06 **Didsbury Memorial Complex** 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Players from 5 years to 18 years needed Umpires 16 and up needed (paid positions) - Ump clinic included Inquire registration night

#### Organizational Meeting Mar. 22 (Wed.) Zion Church @ 7 p.m.

eryone Welcome! We can use your help and ideas to get the season going.

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passed away unexpectedly on March 9, 2006 at the age of 77 years. Ron was born on November 17, 1928 in Stettler. He was very proud to have served in the Royal Canadian Navy just after World War II. When he was released, he became a trucker and loved to travel across Canada and the United States. Ron is survived by his sisters Joan (Vic) Merryfield, Arline Chartier, two nieces Barbara (Jim) Peace, Jacqueline Chartier; two nephews Miles Merryfield and nond (Tess) Chartier. He was predeceased by his parents and sister Sally Slifka. He will be sadly missed by all his family and many friends. Memorial services were held on Wednesday, March 2006 at 11:00 a.m. Didsbury Elks Hall with Harold Hunter officiating. Memorial donations may be made directly to the charity of choice. As a tribute to Ron Slifka, a tree will be planted in the Heartland Tree Memorial Park, Olds. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Olds entrusted with ar 12-11

Dec 2

Bogle, Verla A. (Mitch) 1928- Mar. 12, 2006 - Mitch Bogle passed away peacefully on Sun-day, March 12, 2006 at 77 years of age. Mitch was born Dec. 2, 1928 in Calgary. The Mitchell family relocated to Edmonton where she attended Strathcona school then on to the U of A graduating with a B. Sc.. Soon after graduating, Mitch met Jim Bogle and they soon eloped. They relocated to Virden, MB., Calgary, Olds and Didsbury, AB., where the couple ded for the last 44 years. Mitch loved being a Grandma and hosting family gatherings. She enjoyed golfing, curling, reading, and get ther for bridge with Cal and Elsie Mitchell. She was a long ime volunteer at the Didsbury Hospital and member of the Kinette and K-40 clubs of Didsbury. Mitch loved to travel North America and the world with husband Jim, some times accompanied by friends or family. In her later years, she en joyed walking uptown to meet friends for coffee accompanied by her good friend Bette. Her father Charles Mitchell, beloved mother Gracve and brothers Roy and Call predeceased her. Besides her lov ing husband of 51 years Jim. Mitch is also survived by her children Kelsey (Ted) Fellows, John, Richard (Kelly) and her grandsons Matt, Braden, Eric, and Garett. She is also survived by her many friends and neighbors of Didsbury. The tamily would like to thank the EMS ders and staff of the Foothills Medical Center for their care and kindness. A memorial service was held Sunday March 19 at 1 00 PM. in Didsbury at the Five-0 cen ter. If desired, in lieu of flowers, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta, 100 - 119 14 St. N.W. Calgary AB., T2N 1Z6 or the

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passed away at Peter Lougher

Hospital in Calgary on March 15 2006 at the age of 78 years fol lowing a quietly courageous battle against illness. She was born in Didsbury September 1, 1927 first child of Earl and Lola Klinck, elder sister to Delbert, George and Beulah. As a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother who dedicated her life to providing for others, Evelyr was an inspiration to everyone who knew her and especially to her children and grandchildren. Pre-deceased by her parents and her sons Douglas, Patrick and Bradford. Evelyn leaves to mourn, David (Lloyd) her beloved mourn, Levia (Lioya) ner belioved husband of 57 years, her children Charles (Janet), Steven (Dorie), Kathleen, Mary (Bill), Wade (Keri), and Randall (Carmen). She will be greatly missed but lovingly remembered by her crandchildren, her brothers and ildren, her brothers and sister, all her nieces and neph-ews, and many more family and friends too numerous to mention A celebration of Evelyn's life was held at the Didsbury Memorial Complex (Arena) on Monday March 20, 2006 at 2:00 PM. Trib made to the Didsbury or Carstairs Historical Societies, Canadian Diabetes Association 105, 7500 Macleod Trail S.E., Calgary (403) 266-0620, or the Arthritis Soci ety, 200, 1301 8th Street S.W. Calgary (403) 228-2571. Con es to the family may be www.mountainviewfuneraichapels.com Arrangements entrusion Mountain View Funeral Ho

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#### THANK YOU 230

FRANCIS, BERYL ily wishes to acknowledge the many expressions of support and sympathy relayed during the recent passing of our mother Beryl Francis The floral tributes, donations. gifts of food, cards and visits from relatives and friends was extraordinary. Special thanks to hospital staff at Unit 4 Didsbury Extended Care Hospital. It is wonderful that our mother was loved and respected by all who knew her Dennis & Karen, Patsy & Rick, Brian & Kathy, Keith & Laurie and all her grandchildren and great grandchildren. 13-21

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ly of Betty McCue rould like to thank you for all of your help and support in car-ing for Betty in her final days We appreciate all of the cards flowers, food trays, assistan with lunch and well wishes. To Acute Care Unit at the Didsbury the compassion an care for Betty and the family was unrelenting. Through it all, your "upbeat" attitudes helped make our days more pleasant in a very difficult time. Thanks to Dr. Vervaeck and to the paramedics for your kindness and care Thank you to Dianne and staff at Personal Alternative in making Betty's service so special. Hugh in officiating, and to Melinda Garland for "lending" us her voice at the service. It's munity that you truly realize the Tom McCue Sr. & Family

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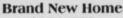
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